

**Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission**  
**Community Policing Program**  
**Annual Report**

**Section I**

**Appendix C**

Agency: 8075

Region #: 4

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Number of sworn members: 9

Non-sworn members: 5

*Jurisdictional Demographics:* Population: 1020

Square miles serviced by the agency: 1

White: 67.15% Black: 29.78% Hispanic: 0% Asian: 2.26%

Native American: 0% Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0% More than one race: 0%

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**Section II**

**Instructions:** Provide a detailed description of your agency's Community Policing Initiative by responding to the following **key points**. These key points address the Guiding Principles of Community Policing, as well as the Six Pillars identified in the Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report (see Guidelines for Reporting for explanation). Examples of specific programs, initiatives, and partnerships with community groups should be discussed along with any statistics or other relevant information. See *Appendix D: Examples of Best Practices in Community Policing* for your convenience and consideration.

**Key Points:**

- How community policing is integrated throughout your agency and how your agency incorporates community policing into its daily operation.
- How top management emphasizes or supports community policing within the agency.
- Training your agency has received in community policing and future plans to provide additional or specialized training to agency members to improve interaction with community members or problem solving efforts.
- How crime problems or community issues are identified and the method of communicating any trends with communities the agency services.
- How your agency partners with all segments of the community to prevent crime and address identified community problems. Segments of the community should include residential and business communities, schools, youth, minority groups, hospitals, senior population, faith based organizations, etc.

- How your agency measures the effectiveness of its community policing program.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### ***1) How is community policing integrated throughout your agency and how does your agency incorporate community policing into its daily operations?***

Response: The St. Michaels Police Department has held the following programs and events over the past year.

- The SMPD partnered with the St. Michaels Community Center to assist with a community-wide Farmers to Families food distribution. \*See photo 1
- Chief of Police hosted numerous Coffee with Cop meetings via zoom. \*See photo 2
- SMPD partnered through SMYLE to host "Shop with a Cop" during the holidays. Families were given a wish list and orders were placed online. Children arrived at the station on a later date to retrieve their gifts. The neighboring coffee shop put out a hot chocolate station for the kids. \*See photos 3A-3H
- S.M.Y.L.E. assisted in the establishment of Hattie's Wheelchair Club by providing marketing, embroidered hats as well as a safe course to participate in the Classic Motor Museum's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. \*See photos 4A-4D
- Two electric patrol bikes were purchased and a bike patrol was formed. This tool has been used in parades and within jurisdiction, making the officer more approachable. See photos 5A-5C
- Officers handed out light sticks during Halloween night.
- Critchlow Adkins daycare brought children to SMPD for Halloween bags and treats.
- Chief of Police served as a spokesperson on the Vaccine Equity Task Force.
- SMPD partnered with local church to host a vaccine clinic. Through SMYLE funds were used to purchase food and drinks for participants.
- Officers worked with local children to plant a daffodil plant bed at the police station. See photo 6
- Officers put together and delivered Teacher Appreciation gifts for the start of the school year. See photo 7
- Lunch with a Cop - Local children visited the police department and enjoyed grilled hot dogs and goodies along with Command staff and administrative assistant. See photos 8A-8F
- Command staff and officers attended a Habitat for Humanity home dedication and provided food for the event. See photo-9
- Officer conducted a community workshop on Identity Theft Prevention. This class was held at the St. Michaels Public Library. See photo 10
- Officers held a community document shred fest event as a follow up to the Identity & Fraud Protection Workshop. See photo 11
- Chief of Police in partnership with the St. Michaels Community Center organized a community trip to Six Flags America for those who were vaccinated during the vaccine clinic held at Union United Methodist Church. See photo 12
- K9 officer hosted a K9 demonstrations. See photos 13A & 13B
- Officers as well as admin regularly greet local children at the station and readily have available lollipops, popsicles in the summer and goodie bags with educational material and crayons.
- SMPD partnered with Justine's Ice Cream to provide ice cream gift cards to local children and tourist.
- SMPD participates in the Talbot County Sheriff's department county-wide month of drug prevention education. See photo 15

- SMPD participated in Back to School night at St. Michaels Elementary School. See photo 14
- Officer and admin took several local children to an outdoor restaurant in town. See photo 16

**2) How does top management emphasize or support community policing within your agency?**

Response:

Command provides opportunities to raise awareness, training and funds to run community policing programs in the town of St. Michaels. Chief of Police is personally involved in community policing and acts as a mentor and example to the officers of SMPD.

**3) Describe training your agency has received in community policing and future plans to provide additional or specialized training to agency members to improve interaction with community members or problem solving efforts.**

Response: In 2021, officers are taking in-service credits through Police One, "Community Policing" and "Community Policing Strategies". In 2018, Civilian Administrative Assistant attended Community Policing training Fall 2018. Plans are being developed to use the Presidential Committee, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing platform for future training.

**4) Describe how crime problems or community issues are identified and addressed, and the method of communicating any trends with communities the agency services.**

Response: . Monthly/Bi-monthly Coffee with a Cop public forums, online crime blotter, conversations on race virtual meetings were led by Command staff. These open public forums are held by the department to foster open lines of communication geared towards problem solving.

**5) Identify how your agency partners with all segments of the community to prevent crime and address identified community problems. Segments of the community should include residential and business communities, schools, youth, minority groups, hospitals, senior population, faith based organizations, etc.**

Response: We use of social media as a tool to educate the public on issues such as identify theft, elderly abuse, domestic violence, child internet safety, and drug abuse. We partner with "Talbot Goes Purple", a county-wide initiative to bring awareness to the opioid epidemic by sharing a message on Facebook and hanging a banner outside of the station.

- SMPD is one of a few agencies in state of Maryland to adopt a safe station where individuals addicted to substances can seek help.

- SMPD offers a 24/7 drug drop box for safe disposal of opioids.

- SMPD registered bicycles for local residents.

- SMPD provided internet safety educational material in the lobby 24/7

- Officers regularly visited local businesses and as part of their patrol checks, officer on duty at night left a door tag at businesses with officer name and time of visit.

- Officers and Chief of Police attended monthly town hall meetings and spoke about crime prevention.

- Officers and Chief of Police regularly performed welfare checks by visiting with our senior residents in their homes.

- Chief of Police and officers attended Rotary meetings, answered questions as it related to community problems and crime prevention.

----Chief of Police served on the board for the Talbot Family Network.

----Chief of Police served on the board for the St. Michaels Community Center.

- The SMPD also conducted "Lunch with a Cop" programs.

**6) How does your agency measure the effectiveness of its community policing program?**

Response:

-S.M.Y.L.E., St. Michaels Youth & Law Enforcement won the "What's Up Eastern Shore" magazine "Best of" on the eastern shore two consecutive years. Citizens write in to vote for the best non-profit and S.M.Y.L.E. received the most votes which tells us people recognize what the officers of St. Michaels Police Department are doing in the community.

-Coastal Style Magazine named Captain Jeffrey Oswald as "Best of" for Police Officer in 2020.

During the pandemic, the Chief partnered with the Talbot County Health Department and Choptank Health to form a Vaccine Equity Task Force designed to enhance vaccine opportunity to the citizens served in the St. Michaels area. The Task Force led by the SMPD produced a 100% return rate, which was a result of having strong community relations.

**NOTE: Email Agency report and document(s) to: [pctc.mandates@maryland.gov](mailto:pctc.mandates@maryland.gov)**

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## St. Michaels MD Police Department

Just now · 🌐

On 10/1/2020, Corporal Taylor and Officer Fritz assisted [Teddy Bear Fresh Produce of Easton Maryland](#) and [St. Michaels Community Center](#) with a Farmers to Families food box giveaway.



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## St. Michaels MD Police Department

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Join us this Friday by computer or smart phone for Coffee with a Cop!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3264261778>

Meeting ID 326 426 1778

## Coffee with a Cop!

This Friday, November 6, 8 a.m.

Join Chief Smith and fellow officers for coffee and discussion of public safety and other citizen concerns. We will hold this and future meetings virtually using Zoom. So, grab a cup of coffee — and join us!



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As always, please follow us on **Facebook** and our police page located on the Town of St. Michaels website [www.stmichaelsmd.gov](http://www.stmichaelsmd.gov)

*By Authority of Chief Smith of the St. Michaels Police Department*

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It's been quite busy around the station!

This year, the St. Michaels Police Department is hosting their first ever virtual "Shop with a Cop". Thirty-one local children received a wish list to make an online order of clothing and toys! Our officers and admin staff have been busy at the PD, ordering, receiving and packing orders to distribute on December 19th.

The holidays can be a lonely time for many, especially during a pandemic. It is during this time of year that our officers join seniors from Hambleton Village for a delicious catered meal, music and conversation. Despite the pandemic, the seniors of Hambleton Village will also receive a special gift in lieu of the annual holiday party.

All funding is provided through S.M.Y.L.E., St. Michaels Youth & Law Enforcement program.







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On Saturday, December 19th, the front porch of the St. Michaels Police Department was transformed into a festive holiday scene as officers and volunteers came together for this year's virtual, "Shop with a Cop". Thirty-seven local children received gifts off of their wish list that had been pre-ordered online and gift wrapped by the department. As each family arrived, they were greeted by Santa Claus followed by a visit to [The Blue Crab](#) outdoor hot chocolate station. Our senior community from Hambleton Village received a special treat as well; gift cards for a carryout meal and for those who wished, a photo with Santa!

Thank you to our special volunteers, Rene Nentwig (former SMPD Adult Citizen Police Academy graduate), Martha Benson (Rotary St. Michaels), Gracie Derrick [Guilford and Company](#), Mary LaPorte and Commissioner Michael Bibb (a.k.a. Santa).

We also want to thank the kind folks who made a donation to the S.M.Y.L.E. program. It is their contributions which made this program and others like it possible. There are many to name, among who are, Scott & Tracy Wagner (3rd photo) and Bob Hockaday (4th photo). Thank you all!

We wish you and yours a peaceful and safe holiday!















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